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MONTANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

April 1, 1966

GENERAL FUND:

Receipts:

Balance, April 1, 1965	$1,455.80
Memberships	1,102.25
Exhibitors fees, 1965 conference	95.00
Sale of meals, 1965 conference	1,450.80
Registration fees, 1965 conference	123.00
Exhibitors fees, 1965 conference	339.00
	$4,565.85

Disbursements:

Transfer to Scholarship Fund for 1964/65 memberships	$ 103.42
Expenses, 1965 conference	2,032.19
Treasurer, 1965 conference	37.35
Supplies and postage, Treasurer	104.90
Other supplies	54.11
Expenses and postage, Legislative chairman	147.15
Expenses, Executive board meeting	174.15
Treasurer, Honorarium	250.00
American Library Association, contributions	25.00
Bank charges	.30
Transfer to Scholarship fund, 1965/66 memberships	110.22
	$3,038.79
Balance	$1,527.06
BALANCE, GENERAL FUND	$1,527.06
BALANCE, SCHOLARSHIP FUND	$ 708.45
BANK BALANCE	$2,235.51

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Receipts:

Balance, April 1, 1965	$ 475.81
Transfer from General Fund, 1964-65 membership	103.42
Sale of "Books are Friends"	4.00
Gift	15.00
Transfer from General Fund, 1964-65 membership	110.22
	$ 708.45
Disbursements:	00.00
BALANCE	708.45

(Mrs.) Rita M. Nelson, Treasurer.

CENTRAL DISTRIBUTION OF STATE DOCUMENTS

Studies carried on by the Commitee for Central Distribution of State Documents for the past two years have led to the conclusion that a centralized system for distribution of state documents is needed to insure their availability to libraries both within and outside the state. The agency most frequently designated for such distribution is the state library. Distribution of priced or free publications commonly remains in the issuing agency. In 19 states distribution of documents to libraries functions through a depository system established by law. It is handled by the state library in 12 states.

Two surveys were made in 1964-65 to assess the practicality of adopting a depository system for distribution of Montana state documents. Replies from state agencies indicated a fairly general acceptance of a centralized depository system for library distribution. Statements from libraries suggested that only a small number of the largest libraries are interested in acquisition of state documents. The majority would prefer an inter-library loan source. All agreed on the urgent need for a current listing of Montana documents.

Two events of the last year open the way to establishment of a centralized depository system for distribution of Montana state documents. 1st, the last legislative assembly established the state library under the supervision of the state librarian. 2nd, the state library is now located in the state capitol where cooperation with state agencies on such a system is greatly facilitated.

In addition, the federal aid program for state libraries, the Library Services and Construction Act, in the new act continuing this program after July 1, 1966, includes another title designed to strengthen state services. Under this act, federal funds will be added to the state library's resources for administering the depository system.

After study of the laws of several states relating to documents depository systems the Committee has formulated the following proposed legislation:

AN ACT Relating to the publication of printed matter by state agencies; and making an effective date.

Be Is Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

New Section. Sec. 1. As used in this act:

(1) "Print" includes all forms of printing and duplicating, regardless of format or purpose, with the exception of correspondence and interoffice memoranda.

(2) "State publication" includes any document, compilation, journal, law, resolution, bluebook, statute, code, register, pamphlet, list, book, proceedings, report, memorandum, hearing, legislative bill, leaflet, order, regulation, directory, periodical or magazine issued in print, or purchased for distribution, by the state, the

legislature, constitutional officers, of any state department, committee or other state agency supported wholly or in part by state funds.

(3) "State agency" includes every state office, officer, department, division, bureau, board, commission and agency of the state, and, where applicable, all subdivisions of each.

New Section. Sec. 2. There is hereby created as a division of the state library, and under the direction of the state librarian, a state publications distribution center. The center shall promote the establishment of an orderly depository library system. To this end the stae library commission shall make such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

New Section. Sec. 3. Every state agency shall upon release deposit at least four copies of each of its state publications with the state library for record and depository purposes, two copies to be placed in the state library and two in the state historical society library. Additional copies shall also be deposited, in quantities certified to the agencies by the state library as required to meet the needs of the depository library system and to provide inter-library loan service to those libraries without depository status.

New Section. Sec. 4. The center shall enter into depository contracts with any municipal or county free library, state college or state university library, the library of congress and the midwest inter-library center, and other state libraries. The requirements for eligibility to contract as a depository library shall be established by the state library commission upon recommendations of the state librarian. The standards shall include and take into consideration the type of library, ability to preserve such publications and to make them available for public use, and also such geographical locations as will make the publications conveniently accessible to residents in all areas of the state.

New Section. Sec. 5. The center shall publish and distribute regularly a list of available state publications.

New Section. Sec. 6. Upon request by the center, issuing state agencies shall furnish the center with a complete list of its current state publications and a copy of its mailing and/or exchange lists.

New Section. Sec. 7. This act shall not apply to nor affect the duties concerning publications distributed by, or officers of:

(1) The state law library;

(2) The secretary of state in connection with his duties under RCM 12-317, 82-2202(17), and 82-2203.

New Section. Sec. 8. The effective date of this act shall be July 1, 1967.

Recommendations

The Committee recommends that the Montana Library Association introduce and work for the enactment of this legislation at the earliest appropriate time, if possible in the 1967 legislative session. Enactment of such legislation would call for repeal or revision of certain provisions of RCM 82-1916.

Mary Dempsey

Ruth O. Longworth

Lucile Speer, Chairman

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

The following changes in the Bylaws are proposed:

ARTICLE V

Section 1b Publicity

Change name to Publicity Reports Committee
Delete "so that the Association is represented in professional journals in the library field, and in news publications throughout the state"

Explanation: The present name is misleading. The committee does not carry out the function in the clause recommended for deletion; this is taken care of by the State Library.

Section 2a

Delete "and at least two (2) more members from the hostess city"

Explanation: It is better practice for the conference chairman to pick her own committee and indeed this is what has been done hitherto.

Helen M. Ewing

Lesley M. Heathcote,

Chairman

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The work of the Legislative Committee is just beginning for the coming term of the 1967 Legislative Session.

Since the appropriations for the Library Services and Construction Act of 1964 expire on June 30, 1966, it was most important that all Montana citizens interested in expanded and improved library service, write to Senators Mansfield and Metcalf and to Representatives Battin and Olsen in Washington expressing their appreciation of the past program. A mailing to every one listed on the distribution list of

the Montana State Library at Helena was sent out. We expect that many hundreds of letters will have been received by our Congressmen praising this program.

As I write this, I do not have copies of the proposed bills that will be introduced in Helena next session but expect this will be forthcoming before long.

The Legislative Committee needs revising and up-dating. Would each of you contact persons in your own locality that are interested in the improved library service now being expanded in the state? I would like to get the names of as many people as you can send to me. I will write them each a letter asking that they serve on the Legislative Committee, explaining just what will be needed from them. This is so important this year as we will have a different makeup of the Legislature as provided under the reapportionment program.

Library services are being expanded all over the state and nation and now is the time for us to get our sound, well-planned program ready for the next Legislative session.

Margaret Warden (Mrs. R. D.)
Chairman

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Following publication of the "Plan for the Development of Library Service in Montana," copies were distributed widely among trustees and other interested people. The program for the meeting of the Montana Library Association in Anaconda was aimed at methods of implementing the Plan. It was agreed that all of us would begin work immediately to put the Plan into action. Accordingly, meetings were held throughout the State to acquaint Friends of Libraries with the Plan. To date we are able to report some progress. The following recommendations of the Plan have either been accomplished or progress is underway for their accomplishment:

1. The State Library headquarters have been moved from Missoula to Helena.

2. A recruiting and scholarship program has been instituted and four Montanans are currently in library schools working toward a degree in library science. They will return to Montana to add their professional skills to various libraries throughout the State.

3. Real progress has been made toward the improvement of salaries in clerical, pre-professional and professional positions in libraries throughout the State.

4. Many libraries have conducted self-surveys to evaluate themselves in relation to Interim Standards and have outlined improvements in service that are needed.

5. A stepped-up program of in-service training has been developed in the Federations for pre-professional and professional staff members. Use has been made of the correspondence course in Library Science offered by Loyola University.

6. The value of library service and the need for increased support for libraries is being interpreted to the citizens of Monatna through imaginative and very gratifying National Library Week programs instituted by the National Library Week in Montana Committee.

7. Real progress in library legislation was made during the 1965 legislature. An increase in the State Library budget was gained through the Montana Library Association's dedicated and hard-working Legislative Committee with Mrs. R. D. Warden as chairman. The Committee is working on library legislation that will facilitate the establishment of public library service, and plans are being made to have this legislation introduced in 1967.

The Library Development Committee is deeply indebted to the Monatna State Library for unique and stimulating leadership in the field of library development.

Mrs. Perl Coombs
Mary K. Dempsey
Mrs. Jean Davis
Mrs. Mable Engelter
Dorothy Gelhaus
Mrs. Mildred Grawe
Lesley Heathcote
Mrs. Marie MacDonald
Mrs. Lucille Anderson
Mrs. Inez Herrig
Margaret Hileman
Lawrence Hodges
Mrs. Letitia Johnson
Eleanor Ivankovich
Mrs. Cara Musser
Mrs. Bess Pittman
Mrs. Barbara Houghton
Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth
Mrs. Mary Antunes
Mrs. Clara Smith
Mrs. Jeane Sturdivant
Evelyn Swant
Mrs. R. D. Warden
Mrs. Peg Gadbow
Alve Thomas
Natalie Sliepcevich

Mrs. Alma S. Jacobs, Chairman

LOCAL HISTORY COMMITTEE

The committee is compiling a preliminary list of books relating to Montana. When the list is distributed, it will be added to, refined and, probably, reorganized.

It is hoped that such a list will prove useful to all libraries in the state as well as serving as a base on which specialized material relative to local history can be added.

Jean Davis, Chairman

MEETING PLACE

The committee is pleased to report two invitations for the next year's conference. Miss Shirley Hake, Librarian, Parmly Billings Memorial Library gives us an invitation to meet in Billings.

Mr. Andrew Fisher, State Librarian of Wyoming, has proposed a joint conference for Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, in Jackson, Wyoming. The Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce sends a most cordial welcome.

Mrs. Gladys Ostrom

Mrs. Iva Lee Orr

Mrs. Nydia Moore, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

April 1, 1966

Active members:			
School librarians		100	
Public librarians		106	
College and Special librarians		41	
Total Active			247
Associate Members:			
Friends		137	
Trustees			
Commission members	4		
Public library trustees	164		
School administrators	38		
Total Trustees		206	
Retired and out-of-state librarians		18	
Total Associate			361
Institutional Members			4
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, 1965/66			612
(Above figures include 17 Life Members)			
GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP SINCE APRIL 1965			22
NEW MEMBERS			100

Rita M. Nelson, Chairman

Virginia Harlowe

Elizabeth Little

Adelaine Midgett

MONTANA AUTHORS COMMITTEE

Routine work of the Committee has been carried on during the year. This includes adding the names of Montana authors not already in the files, listing new publications by Montana authors, soliciting biographical data where needed.

Mrs. Mabel M. Brewer, Chairman

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK—1966

For the second time Montana placed in the 1965 one thousand dollar Grolier award competition for the state library association with the most effective National Library Week observance by receiving Honorable Mention at the American Library Association conference in Detroit. Grolier is again offering another award which Montana hopes to attain this year for a third and successful attempt.

Mr. Howard C. Porter, President of the Billings Business College, is Chairman of this year's state committee. At his November organizational meeting in Billings it was unanimously decided that the immediate goal would once more be the use of Ruth Warnck's guidelines published in 1965. However, the statement of policy and goals were re-worded for emphasis to read: "Stimulating a year-round effort toward the implementation and interpretation in specific terms by the State Committee of the **Plan for the Development of Library Service in Montana."**

The contribution of RICK O'SHAY's cartoonist, Stan Lynde, who is a member of the state committee of the youngster on a pony completely engrossed in his book was discussed at the early meeting. It was decided that the greatest possible use would be made of this appealing drawing and stationery, brochures, posters, and newspaper mats were printed to include the figure using the dates of the Week with the national theme, "KEEP GROWING—READ!" and also "He Who Loves Reading Has Everything Within His Reach". 100,000 brochures were distributed to banks, businesses, civic and social organizations, county extension agents, and all types of libraries; 2,000 posters were mailed to all libraries for display; 120 mats were contributed to newspapers and periodicals. The brochures will be used at the Montana Parent Teachers annual conference in Anaconda as well as with other programs in the Montana Federation of Women's Clubs.

Two new libraries constructed with the assistance of the Library Services and Construction Act funds will have their dedications during the Week in Glasgow and in Sidney in formal ceremonies. The Livingston Public Library plans to sponsor their second annual art show, a silver tea and a banquet at which state Chairman Porter will be the guest speaker. He will also make a final report on the Week at the Montana Library Association conference in Missoula, Saturday, May 14th at the luncheon. The Hobson Library plans a tea and exhibit of memorial books.

With this ninth observance of National Library Week in Montana

and all the corollary emphasis on the importance of libraries to our civilization we hope to accomplish the charge President Johnson has given us: "Because libraries play such an active role in the education and enlightenment of our people, they deserve our full support. We must do much more to bring them within easy access of every American. We must assure every man the opportunity to improve his mind and better his life."

Barbara J. Houghton,
Executive Director

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee of the Montana Library Association submits the following slate of officers for 1966/1967.

President:

Mrs. Margaret Camm
Consultant, Montana State Library
Helena, Montana

Vice President and President-Elect:

Mrs. Jean Davis
Librarian, Eastern Montana College of Education
Billings, Montana

Secretary:

Mrs. Adelaine Midgett
Assistant Catalog Librarian, University of Montana
Missoula, Montana

Treasurer:

Mrs. Rita Nelson
Serials Librarian
University of Montana Library
Missoula, Montana

A.L.A. Councilor:

Mrs. Alma Jacobs
Librarian, Great Falls Public Library
Great Falls, Montana

P.N.L.A. Representative:

Mrs. Consance Piccioni
Acquisitions Librarian, Montana State University
Bozeman, Montana

Ballots were mailed to all active members of the Montana Library Association.

Mr. Roger Spillers

Mrs. Constance Piccioni

Mrs. Margaret Camm, Chairman

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Notices of the dates of the Conference and the names of the officers of the Montana State Library Association were sent by the State Library to Library Journal, Wilson Bulletin and A.L.A. Bulletin to be published in their calendars of events.

The publicity committee sent notices to all public and college libraries and to about 50 high school libraries in the state reminding them to present their publicity scrapbooks at the Conference in Missoula.

Mrs. Gayla Goller

Mrs. Georgia Peck

Mrs. Mildred Valach

Mrs. Jeane Sturdivant, Chairman

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

We are pleased to report that the Montana State Library granted four scholarships for study in the field of librarianship for 1965-66, thereby beginning a program of recruitment that will add strength to library leadership in the State.

The scholarship fund, begun by the Montana Library Association, needs to be augmented. We are encouraging all members to think of methods of adding to the fund. If you know of any foundations we might interest in the fund, or if you know of interested people who might establish a trust fund, or if you have an idea about initiating a memorials fund, the committee members would be glad to know about it.

Lesley Heathcote

Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth

Mrs. Alma S. Jacobs, Chairman

COLLEGE AND RESEARCH

A committee was appointed last May following the Montana Library Association Conference, to implement the Plan for the Development of Library Service in Monatna during the coming year. This committee with Douglas E. Mills as Chairman and assisted by Jean Davis and Helen Ewing will report at the Division's meeting in May.

(Mrs.) Adelaine S. Midgett, Chairman

MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

The organization of school librarians as part of the M.L.A. continues to grow in membership and activity.

The MASL has cooperated with the Department of Public Instruction to aid in publicizing the federal education programs and their administration as they apply to libraries. School librarians have been active in educational programs using federal funds to improve library services through HEAD START, ESEA and NDEA.

Continued excellent programs were held in Montana Education Association meetings held in October. Miss Harriet Miller spoke at the Eastern District meeting on the administration of the new federal grants to libraries. In the North Central District the speakers of interest to librarians were Mrs. Alma Jacobs on "Reading for Young People," Mrs. Clare Schulz, author-illustrator of **Willy Weep the Chimney Sweep** (Doubleday, 1964), who talked on "Illustrating Children's Books." Louis Untermeyer adressed the convention on "What America Reads—and Why."

Three M.E.A. districts have been chosen members of their library sectionals to work as members of the MASL chairman's council in coordinating the work of the two groups. Chosen were: Mrs. Bernice Gould, Northeastern District; Miss Jan Hobson, North Central District; Mrs. Marguerit Petesch, Eastern District.

For the first time the MASL has an Awards and Honors Committee. It is headed by Peg Gadbow of Missoula. An honored superintendent or principal will be the first recipient of the award.

MSLA members have taken an active role in Montana Student Librarian and district student library organizations. Pat Stevens and Tish Johnson have sent questionnaires to all school librarians regarding rewards and credits given to student aids. The results will be announced at the conference in May.

MSLA members have contributed articles to professional publications, served on curriculum development appointments and assisted with preparation of M.E.A. Library sectionals.

Your MASL chairman kept in contact with school administrators and librarians regarding the Encyclopaedia Britannica Awards, National Library Week, and MLA Conference. She attended the N.L.W. planning meeting in Billings and the MLA Conference planning meeting in Helena in mid-January.

Requests to borrow the film, "Lifetime of Learning," continue to be received. Further announcement on this film will be made at the spring meeting.

Under the leadership of Letitia Johnson we have received $300 from the Standards Committee of the AASL to use for planning and conducting area workshops for librarians in Montana.

Individual members who merit recognition are: **Mrs. Richard Stevens** for the article in February MONTANA EDUCATION, "Adventure in Treasure Island—the Student Librarian." **Mrs. Letitia Johnson** for attending the midwinter ALA meeting to serve as a member of the National Library Week Committee for the AASL. **Mrs. Peggy Gadbow**

for being invited to serve on the Awards Committee for Encyclopaedia Britannica. **Mrs. Emmett Carey** who attended the NDEA Institute for Library Service at the University of New York at Geneseo during the summer session, 1965.

Sentinel High School, Missoula, will take part in a study of young adult reading by AASL's Young Adult division.

Several items of interest concerning the State Assembly will be discussed at the state meeting in May. One of the most important discussions will be on the state association (MSLA) becoming a member of AASL. Frances Wells is our State Assembly representative.

Respectfully submitted by:

(Mrs.) Elizabeth W. Little, Chairman

TRUSTEES AND FRIENDS DIVISION

For the second time in the history of the Montana Library Association, an Awards and Honors Committee was appointed to select the outstanding Library Trustee of the year. The selection committee for 1964-65 was appointed to serve in the same capacity for 1965-66. They are Mrs. Margaret Camm, Chairman, Mrs. Robert Bemis of Superior and Mr. Harold Davidson, Helena. Immediately following the conference last year, the Outstanding Trustee, Mrs. Margaret Warden and the three Honorable Mention Trustees: Mr. Elmer Page of Sidney, Mrs. F. J. Kirscher of Townsend and Dr. E. H. Rowen of Miles City, were all honored in their respective communities by special ceremonies and publicity. This recognition for trustees who have given dedicated service to their libraries is especially gratifying, and we are looking forward to the presentation of awards this year.

Mrs. O. A. Pemberton of Broadus, a member of our Division, has received special recognition by being appointed to the American Library Association Trustee Membership Committee.

Membership of the Trustees and Friends Division shows a marked increase, but we hope to see many more new members participate. With all of the legislative programs designed to further library services and construction in Montana, Trustees and Friends need to attend the annual conference to obtain information on these programs.

During National Library Week, Trustees and Friends have a golden opportunity to promote and sponsor a public relations program that will increase membership, and open the door to the wonderful world of books, and the joys of reading.

Let's join the little boy reader reproduced so charmingly by Stanley Lynde and as Trustees and Friends get one foot in the stirrup to help spread his message: "He who loves reading has everything within his reach."

Mrs. H. D. Harlowe
Chairman

AWARDS AND HONORS COMMITTEE: TRUSTEES

The Awards and Honors Committee sent out announcements of the Trustees Awards with criteria and rules in November. Nominees were submitted to the committee in February, and from the group which was not as large as the previous year, an outstanding award winner and an honorable mention award winner were selected. These winners will be named at the luncheon at the Montana Library Conference, May 14th, 1966.

Awards are based on such things as constructive accomplishment toward the advancement of library service, development of sound library policies; creative and effective work in interpreting the library to the community; interest and assistance in developing library services beyond the local community and in the promotion of improved library efficiency.

Mrs. Beverly Bemis

Mr. Harold Davidson

Mrs. Margaret A. Camm, Chairman

AWARDS AND HONORS COMMITTEE: SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

It was the privilege of the School Administrators Awards and Honors Committee, whose membership consisted of Peggy Gadbow, Chairman; Lawrence Hodges and Linus Carleton, to select the first school administrator to receive an award and citation under the Montana Library Association Awards Program.

The Montana Library Association recognizes annually a library trustee who has distinguished himself or herself in library service. This year a school administrator who merits recognition for outstanding support and contribution to the school library program will also be honored.

All schools in Montana are eligible to participate in the MLA Awards Program.

Guidelines for School Administrator Award Nominations were:

1. Constructive accomplishments toward the advancement of library service to the students and teachers of the school.
2. Development of sound school library policies.
3. Creative and effective work in interpreting the library to the staff, students and community.
4. Fostering of cooperative relations with other libraries in the area.
5. Wisdom, sound judgment and creative ideas instituting library policies and practices which have resulted in inprovement of the curriculum and of the quality of classroom instruction.

6. Implementation of programs to answer special needs, i.e., reduce school drop out rate, provide for the gifted, slow, etc.
7. Provide library materials geared closely to the needs of teachers and students.
8. Evaluation need not be based on work done during the preceding year alone but may be based on cumulative years of activity.

Announcement of the school administrator to win the award will be made at the MLA Conference in Missoula in May.

Peggy Gadbow, Chairman

ALA COUNCILOR

Your new ALA Councilor has still ahead of her the exciting experience of attending ALA. Montana was well represented, however, in both Detroit and Chicago Midwinter. Much that will be reported has been garnered from those who attended and the account in ALA Bulletin.

New records were set in Detroit with a total of 5,818 registered attendance, 621 meetings and 536 exhibits. The theme was "Libraries for a Great Society" and the National Inventory of Library Needs which President Castagna brought about was beautifully timed. The subject areas around which the meeting clustered were poverty and economic opportunity, library service to the culturally disadvantaged, the problem of illiteracy and service to the newly literate, and a more general area which can be identified loosely as reference services, information needs of research, and a national plan of meeting these needs. Incoming President Vosper had already tentatively chosen this last area as the theme of next year's conference in New York. In his inaugural speech at the Friday night banquet, he made a most effective plea for developing this area.

One of the highlights of the Council meeting was the presentation of the resolution by Eli Obler which stated that only libraries which do not practice discrimination on the basis of race, religion or personal belief may become members of the Association. This resolution was adopted by the membership.

President Castagna appointed a committee "to review the proposed amendment to the Constitution and submit recommendations to the Executive Board." Such review was intended to prevent hasty interpretation and action which might later have to be changed. The committee recommended that Council reject the recommendation since they felt that changes in the Constitution necessary to implement the Resolution were too extensive. The Executive Board voted to reject the recommendations of the special committee and at Midwinter, brought the matter to Council, who decided that the committee had made the wiser choice and voted against the recommendation of the Executive Board. The discussion showed that in principle, the mem-

bership was in accord but that the differences of opinion were chiefly occasioned by the modus operandi to effect freedom of access.

Those in attendance from Montana with whom I have talked were glowing in their comments on the many wonderful speakers, the excellence of the meetings, both large and small, and the benefits to be gained by attendance at the national conference. I shall look forward with great anticipation to my First!

Clare Smith
ALA Councilor

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY

Big news of the year is the move of the State Library to large spacious rented quarters in the capital city of Helena. Twenty years of effort to effect this move were successful and everyone involved is surely gratified. Next step will be plans for a beautiful new building to house the State Library, located near the Capitol. It is the hope of the Commission that funds will be appropriated by the next legislature and that the State Library may also benefit under Title II of the Library Services and Construction Act.

Four libraries have participated in Title II of the Library Services and Construction Act. Miles City has a new addition which doubles its earlier space; Glasgow and Sidney have attractive new buildings and Great Falls will soon start construction on a beautiful four story edifice.

Two demonstrations are in effect: Northwest Federation has extended service into Sanders county and a new federation with Helena as its center is giving bookmobile service to four surrounding counties.

Services at the State Library are expanding to a most satisfying degree. The collection totals approximately 80,000 volumes. During fiscal '65, the total circulation reached 50,258. This figure represents the number of transactions and does not reflect the number of times circulated in the libraries to which they were sent. Thirty-one exhibit collections were loaned and 932 Readers' Digest Talking Books for the Blind were sent out. An aggregate of 173,703 mailings of publications were made last year. This includes the helpful bibliography prepared by Margaret Edwards, "Good Reading for the Teen Age;" Montana Libraries and monthly newsletter; the **Plan for the Development of Library Service in Montana,** written by Ruth Warncke; the Library Directory; film brochures, National Library Week materials and other publications.

The staff held 807 conferences with individuals and groups and paid 123 consultative visits to libraries, attended 119 meetings and conducted 14 full day workshop meetings.

The film library collection has grown to include 189 films which were circulated 631 times. A new service has been instituted for the

state with the purchase of a Showcard machine. Posters and signs are now provided for every public library without charge.

The staff at the State Library is continually evaluating its program and services. Certainly the loan of much needed books is a welcome service but probably the best contribution that the State Library has made has been in providing an effective state-wide program of interpretation. The existing systems of libraries and the interest in the establishment of more is only possible with the desire and cooperation of the people.

Ruth O. Longworth
Librarian

P.N.L.A. REPRESENTATIVE

The 1965 meeting of the Pacific Northwest Library Association was held in Denver, Colorado at the Denver Hilton Hotel September 1-4, 1965. This conference was held jointly with the Mountain-Plains Association, the second time such a joint conference has been held.

The theme of the conference was "Books in the West" and the keynote speaker was Lawrence Clark Powell, Dean of the Graduate School of Library Science at the University of California at Los Angeles. ALA President Robert Vosper, Librarian, UCLA, spoke on the librarian's expanding community.

Beatrice Eigher, Extension Librarian, Great Falls Public Library, was elected Second Vice-President of the Association.

The 1966 meeting will be held in Portland, Oregon Aug 24-26. At the Portland meeting reorganization of PNLA will be discussed. This is an important meeting for all of us to consider attending.

Alma S. Jacobs

FEDERAL COORDINATOR

Francis Keppel, Assistant Secretary in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D.C., charged with coordinating all federal educational programs, says: "Congress has reflected the people's great expectations in the boldest sequence of acts for education in the nation's history. From the second session of the 88th Congress through the first session of the 89th, 24 major education measures were enacted. These two dozen laws enable us at last to marshal our resources at every level of government to bring excellence to American education." A compilation of all legislation affecting libraries is not possible in this limited space but a complete overview is available in the February 1966 issue of the ALA Bulletin. Reprints are available at the State Library upon request. May we urge that all members of the Montana Library Association become fully acquainted with every aspect of the new legislation. Only in this way can we take full advantage of the marvelous opportunity that is now ours.

The Library Services and Construction Act terminates June 30, 1966. New bills which considerably amend and extend the provisions of the earlier Act are now before both the House and Senate. Representative Perkins of Kentucky and Senator Javits of New York presented very similar bills providing for a considerable increase in Title I and II ($60,000,000 in I and $75,000,000 in II) with substantial increases each succeeding year, plus two new titles: Title III to provide funds for interlibrary cooperation and Title IV, improved service to government and to state institutions. On March 14, Senator Lister Hill of Alabama presented a bill (S. 3076) which was cosponsored by a total of 52 senators. The bi-partisan bill is a compromise between the limited bill recommended by the Administration and the comprehensive bill first mentioned. The major differences are in the amount of money authorized for Titles I and Title II and in the substitution of a new part in Title IV. It is the belief of the Senate sponsors that the authorizations in S. 3076 are realistic in terms of what is possible to obtain in this particular year, with defense priorities requiring cutbacks in domestic spending.

Eliminated is Part B of Title IV—State Government Library Service—because some congressmen are of the opinion that these aspects of library service are the responsibility of State Government.

This new Senate bill includes four principal Titles, with the following provisions:

Title I—Public Library Service: authorizes $35 million for fiscal year 1967, and for each of the next four fiscal years such sums as Congress may determine.

Title II—Public Library Construction: authorizes $40 million for fiscal year 1967, and for each of the next four fiscal years such sums as Congress may determine.

Title III—provides for Interlibrary Cooperation and authorizes $5 million for fiscal year 1967 with no matching funds required for the first year. Increased amounts are specified for each succeeding year on a matching basis.

Title IV—Specialized State Library Service—is a new title designed to assist the States in providing:

A. State Institutional Library Service

B. State Plans for Library Service to the Physically Handicapped

Authorization for Part A is $5 million for the first year, with increasing amounts; for Part B, $3 million fiscal year 1967, with yearly incerases up to $7 million for fiscal year 1971.

Action on supplemental appropriations for the Higher Education Act are underway. This program needs our full support.

For school libraries, NDEA provides assistance in very nearly

all areas of instruction. The new Elementary and Secondary Education Act is now a reality and Title II will provide Montana schools with a generous supply of books. Libraries can participate in other titles under the Act, through wise and imaginative planning.

Letters of thanks should go to our Senators and Congressmen who have a fine record of support and leadership in all good library legislation.

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